WinPics

Your Customizable Screen Saver for Microsoft Windows

What is WinPics?

WinPics is a Microsoft Windows screen saver, but with a personal difference: Instead of putting on a show with cartoons or images from a stock photography library as other screen savers do, WinPics displays *your* photographs.

WinPics displays your photographs in 256 colors. Your WinPics can include from one to 100 of your photographs, and it will automatically "flip" through your photos if it contains more than one. You can tell WinPics how long to wait between photograph changes, from one to 100 seconds.

Like most Windows screen savers, WinPics also includes a password feature. You can tell WinPics to require someone to enter your password before it will return control of your Windows system, or you can turn this feature off entirely.

To use WinPics, all you have to do is run the installation program that comes on the disk, and it will install and set up your copy.

Ordering a WinPics is easy: Send us your photographs, color or black and white, and we'll turn them into a custom screen saver. You'll receive your original photographs, of course, plus a disk with your WinPics and a fully automatic installation program. Every WinPics also includes printed instructions to guide you through the installation and setup process.

WinPics requires a Windows 3.1 system with a 256-color display. See the *Technical Details* section for complete information.

What We Will Do

We will make a good faith effort to scan your photographs so that they will appear as similar as possible to the original on your screen.

Please note that different graphics boards and computer monitors display colors in a slightly different way, so we can't guarantee a perfect color match between your photographs and the image you'll see on your screen.

We will handle black and white photographs. These will scan very nicely, and will result in attractive black and white images in your WinPics. (And no, we won't "colorize" your photographs.)

We will take good care of your photographs and return them in stiff cardboard mailers. But please don't send irreplaceable photographs! Even though we'll show your photographs the care they deserve, we cannot be responsible for photographs that are lost or damaged in the mail.

We will scan items other than photographs. If you have a child's drawing, company letterhead, etc., that you'd like made into a WinPics, let us know. The object you send us will still have to meet the size requirements mentioned in this brochure. For items such as logos and letterheads, please pay particular attention to the notes on cropping, retouching, and image manipulation in the What We Won't Do section.

We will respect your privacy. We won't ever, under any circumstances, distribute your photographs or copies of them to anyone else, unless you specifically request us to do so in writing. All requests from anyone except the owner of the photographs will be refused.

What We Won't Do

Cropping. For example: If you send us a photograph that is 3" wide by 4" tall, then we will size it so that it is approximately 600 dots tall by 450 dots wide (assuming we scan your photos to a maximum size of 800x600). This photo will display centered on your screen, with blank, black areas on either side. In general, we will adjust the size of your scanned photo until either the width or the height is the size you request on your order form, whichever comes first.

If you want a photograph or letterhead cropped a certain way, we suggest that you have a copy made, trim the copy to the desired shape with a pair of scissors, and then send it to us.

Retouching. We cannot fix defects in your original photographs. Blurry, faded, cracked, torn, or damaged photos will appear that way on your monitor. When we scan your photos, we will literally be taking a photograph of a photograph, so what you see on your screen will be very close to the original, defects and all.

Image Manipulation. We cannot do things like fill in Uncle Bob's bald spot or change the color of that hideous dress Aunt Madge wore to your wedding.

We won't scan any obviously copyrighted material, such as a photograph from a magazine, unless you provide proof to our satisfaction that you own the copyright.

We won't scan any material of an overly sexual or violent nature. Put another way, we won't process any photographs that you wouldn't want your mother to see on your screen.

Technical Details

To use WinPics, your system must:

- * Run Microsoft Windows version 3.1
- * Display at least 256 colors when running Windows. More than 256 colors is OK.
- * Use a screen resolution of at least 640x480 when it is running Windows. Greater resolution is OK.

You must have about 250K bytes of disk space for each photograph. Some photographs, such as those that are taller than they are wide, will require less disk space, and some will require more. *The 250K and 400K byte per photograph numbers are averages.*

Photographs must be at least 1.5"x2", and no larger than 8"x10". If you have a photograph that does not fall between these sizes, we suggest you have an enlarged or reduced copy made within this size range.

How to Order

First, run WinPics.EXE to make sure WinPics will work on your system, and that you like the way our scanned photographs display with your monitor, graphics board, and video drivers.

Please use our online order form, and please use a separate form and packaging for each WinPics! If you order more than one WinPics at a time and we cannot figure out which photographs should be placed in each WinPics, we will not accept your order.

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